AMENDMENT(S) TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-49. (Canceled)

50. (Withdrawn) An analgesic composition which comprises at least one analgesic drug in an extended release form in combination with an analgesic-enhancing amount of at least one non-toxic N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor antagonist in an immediate release form.

51. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 50, wherein the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist is at least one member selected from the group consisting of dextromethorphan, dextrorphan, memantine, amantidine, d-methadone and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts; or the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist is present in an immediate release carrier; or the analgesic drug is selected from the group consisting essentially of non-narcotic analgesics, coal tar analgesics, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, gabapentin, substance P antagonists, capsaicin, capsaicinoids, and cyclooxygenase-II (COX II) inhibitors; or the weight ratio of the analgesic drug to the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist ranges from about 2:1 to about 1:10; or the weight ratio of the analgesic drug to the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist ranges from about 1:1 to about 1:5.

52. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 50, wherein the analgesic drug is an analgesically effective amount of at least one opioid analgesic and the analgesic composition is substantially free of opioid antagonist.

53. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 53 wherein the opioid analgesic is at least one member selected from the group consisting of alfentanil, allylprodine, alphaprodine, anileridine, benzylmorphine, bezitramide, buprenorphine, butorphanol, clonitazine, codeine, desomorphine, dextromoramide, dezocine, diampromide, diamorphone, dihydrocodeine, dihydromorphine, dimenoxadol, dimepheptanol, dimethylthiambutene, dioxaphetyl butyrate, dipipanone, eptazocine, ethoheptazine, ethymethylthiambutene, ethylmorphine, etonitazene, fentanyl, heroin, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, hydroxypethidine, isomethadone, ketobemidone, levorphanol, levophenacylmorphan, lofentanil, meperidine, meptazinol, metazocine, methadone, metopon, morphine, myrophine, narceine, nicomorphine, norlevorphanol, normethadone, nalorphine, nalbuphine, normorphine, norpipanone, opium, oxycodone, oxymorphone, papaveretum, pentazocine, phenadoxne, phenomorphan, phenazocine, phenoperidine, piminodine, piritramide, propheptazine, promedol, properidine, propoxyphene, sufentanyl, tilidine, tramadol and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

54. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 53 wherein the opioid analgesic is at least one member selected from the group consisting of codeine, dihydrocodeine, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, levorphanol, meperidine, methadone, morphine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, propoxyphene and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

55. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 53 wherein the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist is at least one member selected from the group consisting of dextromethorphan, dextrorphan, memantine, amantidine, d-methadone and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

56. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 50, wherein the extended release form is an extended release carrier comprising a base material selected from the group consisting of a hydrophilic polymer, a hydrophobic polymer, a long chain hydrocarbon, a polyalkylene glycol, higher aliphatic alcohols, acrylic resins, and mixtures thereof.

57. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 56, wherein the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist is applied to the extended release carrier's exterior surface.

58. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 50, wherein the extended release form comprises a base material having a coating that controls the release of the analgesic drug.

59. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 58, wherein the coating includes the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist.

60. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 50, which is a liquid dosage form.

61. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 60, which is an injectable dosage form.

62. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 52, wherein the weight ratio of the opioid analgesic to the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist is about 1:1; or the daily dosage of opioid analgesic is from about 1 mg to about 800 mg per 70 kg body weight and the daily dosage of nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist is from about 10 mg to about 750 mg per 70 kg body weight; or the daily dosage of opioid analgesic is from about 10 mg to about 500 mg per 70 kg body weight and the daily dosage of nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist is from about 30 mg to about 500 mg per 70 kg body weight; or the opioid analgesic is selected from the group consisting of fentanyl and sufentanyl in a daily dosage of from about 100 .mu.g to about 6 mg per 70 kg body weight and the daily dosage of nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist is from about 10 mg to about 750 mg per 70 kg body weight.

63. (Previously presented) An analgesic composition which comprises an analgesic effective amount of at least one opioid analgesic selected from the group consisting of codeine, dihydrocodeine, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, levorphanol, meperidine, methadone, morphine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, propoxyphene, tramadol and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts in an extended release form, and an opioid analgesia-enhancing amount of dextromethorphan in an immediate release form, wherein the analgesic composition is substantially free of opioid antagonist.

64. (Previously presented) The analgesic composition of claim 63 wherein the dextromethorphan is present in an immediate release carrier; the weight ratio of the opioid analgesic to the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist ranges from about 2:1 to about 1:10; or the weight ratio of the opioid analgesic to the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist ranges from about 1:1 to about 1:5; or the weight ratio of the opioid analgesic to the dextromethorphan is about 1:1; or the daily dosage of opioid analgesic is from about 1 mg to about 800 mg per 70 kg body weight and the daily dosage of dextromethorphan is from about 10 mg to about 750 mg per 70 kg body weight; or the daily dosage of opioid analgesic is from about 10 mg to about 500 mg per 70 kg body weight and the daily dosage of dextromethorphan is from about 30 mg to about 500 mg per 70 kg body weight per unit dose.

65. (Previously presented) The analgesic composition of claim 63 wherein the extended release form is an extended release carrier comprising a base material selected from the group consisting of hydrophilic polymer, a hydrophobic polymer, a long chain hydrocarbon, a polyalkylene glycol, higher aliphatic alcohols, acrylic resins, and mixtures thereof.

66. (Previously presented) The analgesic composition of claim 65 wherein the dextromethorphan is applied to the extended release carrier's exterior surface.

67. (Withdrawn) An analgesic composition consisting essentially of at least one analgesic drug in an extended release form in combination with an analgesia-enhancing amount of at least one nontoxic N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor antagonist in an immediate release form.

68. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 67 wherein the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist is at least one member selected from the group consisting of dextromethorphan, dextrorphan, memantine, amantidine, d-methadone, and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts; or the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist is present in an immediate release carrier; or the analgesic drug is selected from the group consisting essentially of non-narcotic analgesic, coal tar analgesics, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, gabapentin, substance P antagonists, capsaicin, capsaicinoids, and cyclooxygenase-II (COX II) inhibitors; or the weight ratio of the analgesic drug to the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist ranges from about 2:1 to about 1:10; or the weight ratio of the analgesic drug to the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist ranges from about 1:1 to about 1:5; or the weight ratio of the analgesic drug to the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist is about 1:1.

69. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 67 wherein the analgesic drug is an analgesically effective amount of at least one opioid analgesic and the analgesic composition is substantially free of opioid antagonist.

70. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 69 wherein the opioid analgesic is at least one member selected from the group consisting of alfentanil, allylprodine, alphaprodine, anileridine, benzylmorphine, bezitramide, buprenorphine, butorphanol, clonitazine, codeine, desomorphine, dextromoramide, dezocine, diampromide, diamorphone, dihydrocodeine, dihydromorphine, dimenoxadol, dimepheptanol, dimethylthiambutene, dioxaphetyl butyrate,

dipipanone, eptazocine, ethoheptazine, ethymethylthiambutene, ethylmorphine, etonitazene, fentanyl, heroin, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, hydroxypethidine, isomethadone, ketobemidone, levorphanol, levophenacylmorphan, lofentanil, meperidine, meptazinol, metazocine, methadone, metopon, morphine, myrophine, naceine, nicomorphine, norlevorphanol, normethadone, nalorphine, nalbuphine, normorphine, norpipanone, opium, oxycodone, oxymorphone, papaveretum, pentazocine, phenadoxne, phenomorphan, phenazocine, phenoperidine, piminodine, piritramide, propheptazine, promedol, properidine, propoxyphene, sufentanyl, tilidine, tramadol and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts; or the opioid analgesic is at least one member selected from the group consisting of codeine, dihydrocodeine, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, levorphanol, meperidine, methadone, morphine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, propoxyphene and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts; or the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist is at least one member selected from the group consisting of dextromethorphan, dextrorphan, memantine, amantidine, d-methadone and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts; or the weight ratio of the opioid analgesic to the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist ranges from about 2:1 to about 1:10; or the weight ratio of the opioid analgesic to the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist ranges from about 1:1 to about 1:5; or the weight ratio of the opioid analgesic to the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist is about 1:1.

71. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 67 wherein the extended release form is an extended release carrier comprising a base material selected from the group consisting of a hydrophilic polymer, a hydrophobic polymer, a long chain hydrocarbon, a polyalkylene glycol, higher aliphatic alcohols, acrylic resins, and mixtures thereof.

72. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 71 wherein the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist is applied to the extended release carrier's exterior surface.

73. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 67 wherein the extended release form comprises a base material having a coating that controls the release of the analgesic drug.

74. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 73 wherein the coating includes the nontoxic NMDA receptor antagonist.

75. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 67 which is a liquid dosage form.

76. (Withdrawn) The analgesic composition of claim 75 which is an injectable dosage form.